Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent From Last Year

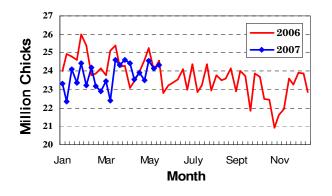
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.3 million during the week ending May 26, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2006, but up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through May 26, 2007 were 498.8 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 24.5 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84 percent.

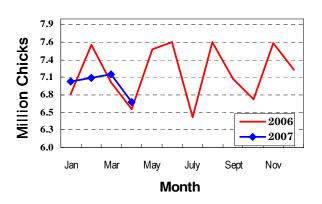
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 26, 2007, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the United States placed 6.69 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2007, up 2 percent from April 2006.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2006-2007



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2006 - 2007



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas								
Week	Ye	% of							
Ending 1/	2006	2007	Prev. Year						
	Thousand								
Apr. 21	23,467	23,531	100						
Apr. 28	23,952	23,898	100						
May 5	24,608	23,518	96						
May 12	25,231	24,560	97						
May 19	24,058	24,148	100						
May 26	24,544	24,308	99						

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	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed							
	Yea	% of						
Month	2005-2006	2006-2007	Prev. Year					
	Thousand							
Nov.	7,298	7,618	104					
Dec.	7,112	7,176	101					
Jan.	6,825	7,015	103					
Feb.	7,593	7,071	93					
Mar.	7,012	7,135*	102					
Apr.	6,593	6,692	102					

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, April 28, 2007 - May 26, 2007

	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed						
	Week Ending					Week Ending						
State	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	%1/	28-Apr	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	% 1/
	Thousand							Thou	ısand			
Alabama	31,504	31,146 *	31,185	31,373 *	31,223	98	20,656	20,593	21,030	21,784 *	20,580	97
Arkansas	28,547	29,200	29,002	27,928 *	28,790	101	23,898	23,518	24,560	24,148	24,308	99
Delaware	4,108	4,160	4,086	4,115 *	4,121	107	5,467	4,801	5,307	4,913 *	4,526	77
Florida	1,384	1,376	1,377	1,321	1,359	98	1,555	1,468	1,830	1,390	1,427	100
Georgia	36,488	35,991 *	36,101	36,294	36,361	104	30,068	30,109	29,934	28,603	30,345	107
Kentucky	7,720	7,847 *	7,769	7,888	7,853	111	5,891	6,096	6,640	6,340	6,554	110
Louisiana	3,924	3,955	3,955	3,923	3,923	100	3,901	3,892	3,833	3,947 *	3,800	105
Maryland	8,932	8,776	8,926	8,852	8,851	99	6,047	5,881	6,666	6,285 *	6,658	134
Mississippi	18,796	18,765 *	19,104	18,878	19,029	106	17,559	17,429	17,502	16,994	16,935	104
N. Carolina	19,843	19,596 *	19,949	19,845 *	19,648	107	16,434	16,370	15,837	16,142 *	15,717	104
Oklahoma	6,583	6,633	6,636	6,852	6,704	103	5,007	5,623	4,862	4,699	5,538	116
Pennsylvania	3,836	3,998	4,076 *	4,063 *	4,041	99	3,144	3,257	3,150 *	2,899 *	3,152	108
S. Carolina	5,659	5,473	5,643	5,604	5,946	110	5,415	4,671	4,611	5,602	4,268	109
Texas	15,122	14,971	15,073	15,098	15,100	102	12,675	12,606	12,663	12,773	12,685	99
Virginia	6,478	6,480	6,553	6,507	6,479	100	5,225	6,157	4,446	5,255	5,394	104
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,850	20,157	20,959	21,080	20,361	102	17,751	18,370	18,109	17,517	18,278	105
19 State Total	218,774	218,524 *	220,394 *	219,621 *	219,789		180,693	180,841	180,980 *	179,291 *	180,165	
Prev. Year Total	210,570	211,844	213,524	213,197	213,886		177,833	176,955	174,308	172,844	174,620	
% of Prev. Year	104	103	103	103	103		102	102	104	104	103	
Approximate M	arketing D	ate 2007 2/					16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	7-Jul	14-Jul	

^{*} Revised in current week.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 26, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 26, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through May 26, 2007 were 3.68 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year. 2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.